

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LEFLORE
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL was held this Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Greenwood City Hall, it being the time and place for holding said meeting.

There were present at this meeting, Mayor Carolyn McAdams, Attorney Don Brock, Jr., Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, Thomas Gregory, III, CAO; Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy, Sr. being absent.

Also present were: Shirley Gee, Dale Cephers and Ron Teachman, ShotSpotter, Samantha Bryant, Charles L. Wright, Glenda E. Crain, Annie Washington, Irvin Whittaker, Lacie Tate, Barbara L. Gray, Dorothy Cannon, Jacqueline Kalil, WABG TV Station, Bob Darden, Commonwealth Newspaper and Dash Brown, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Alicia Dallas, Police Chief Ray Moore, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Battalion Chief Tony Brown, Chris Glass, Gavin Young, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Willie Davis, Director of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Division Eddie Curry, Director of Community Development Division Victor Stokes, and Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy, Sr. being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

IT IS ORDERED that claims and accounts appearing on the Docket of Claims be allowed and paid out of the funds as shown. That said Claims appearing in Claims Docket Book 64, and evidenced by Claims Numbers 133 through 270 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 57243 through 57378 inclusive, and said claims and accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McAdams recognized the employees of the month for November. Fire Chief Marcus Banks presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Captain Christopher Glass. Public Works Director Susan Bailey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Willie Davis. Police Chief Ray Moore presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sergeant Melvin Cook. Mayor McAdams congratulated each recipient.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that our sales tax allocation for this month was \$371,535.00, an increase of \$17,332.00 or 5%. She said for the year, we have collected \$751,410.00, an increase of \$36,692.00.

Mayor McAdams updated Council on three projects. She said that concrete is being poured today for the Main Street Project. She said a progress report meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow on the police department. She said the Rail Spike Park is still a work in progress and that hopefully it will be completed by the end of December.

Mayor McAdams said they had a kick-off meeting today for the Fulton Street Project. She said the city had received \$800,000.00 in funding from Mississippi Department of Transportation for the Fulton Street project.

Mayor McAdams announced that the SST, Inc. (SST) team is here today. She said she has had several phone calls regarding the prices of the system. She said it is a tool to see. She said Chief Moore has statistics on shots and several murders. She said she did not see how you could put a price on safety.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Samantha Bryant addressed the Council appealing the October 27, 2016 Planning Commission's decision denying her a conditional use in a C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, to allow a lounge to be located at 605 Broad Street. She said she had several petitions signed by people on Broad Street and in the community.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. enters the meeting at this time.

Charles Wright, Chairman, speaking on behalf of the Planning Commission said that the Commission unanimously denied Ms. Bryant's request for a conditional use to locate a lounge at 605 Broad Street because of hours, off road parking and the proximity to a church. He said the church was in conflict with the request and that a lounge should not be at that location.

Thomas Gregory said that a conditional use is one that is allowed by the Zoning Ordinance upon review and approval by the Planning Commission. He said that several members of New Foundation Missionary Baptist Church were against the request because of parking, safety and advertising concerns. He said if the Council were to reverse the decision of the Planning Commission and to approve the request for the Conditional Use, that he recommends that Council consider doing so with the following conditions in place: (1) Parking – restrict the hours of operation of the business, so that they would not be allowed to open earlier than 2:00 p.m. on any day, to avoid overlap with worship services at New Foundation, (2) Safety – require the operator of the business to install security cameras on the exterior of the building to include the sidewalk area in front of the building, as well as the street and require the operator of the business to adopt and enforce a "No Loitering Policy" for the area surrounding the business and (3) Advertising – restrict all signage on the exterior of the building to prevent the advertising of or display of messages related to alcohol and tobacco.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson congratulated Mr. Wright and the Planning Commission. He said the Reverend and Deacons were on the agenda and that things had been worked out.

Councilperson Carl Palmer leaves the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by Councilperson Andrew Powell, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to amend the Resolution to approve/deny a conditional use in a C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District, to locate a lounge at 605 Broad Street, Greenwood, Mississippi to approve the conditional use and to include language to address parking, safety and advertising restrictions. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, and David Jordan all voted YEA. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Carl Palmer being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A
CONDITIONAL USE IN A C-1
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL
DISTRICT, TO LOCATE A LOUNGE
AT 605 BROAD STREET,
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI**

- Adopted Unanimously

Councilperson Carl Palmer returns to the meeting at this time.

Glenda E. Crain, Onnie M. Elliott Community Service Center, briefed Council on the programs available at the center. She said that the center had implemented two educational enhancement programs which consist of an After School Program and a Health Program. She asked Council to commit to supporting their efforts. She also invited the Council to come by and to volunteer at the center. Mayor McAdams advised Mrs. Crain that a resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor McAdams also instructed her to submit a letter in July 2017 requesting funding. Council President Stevenson said the money would have to come out of the contingency fund.

Dale Cephers advised Council that he would let his colleague Ron Teachman take them through the presentation and that he will give out handouts at the end of the presentation. Ron Teachman told Council that he served as chief of police for New Bedford and South Bend before going to work for SST. He said that people call the police less than 20% of the time. He explained the ShotSpotter system. He said the system uses sensors and sound waves to pinpoint where a gun has been fired and that it also alerts officers to that location. He said ShotSpotter could distinguish gunfire from other noises. He said it could tell officers within seconds where the threat is, the number of rounds fired, how many rounds were fired and where the shooter is located. He said they will establish a three mile footprint and that the company will handle all the details for placing the sensors. Council President Ronnie Stevenson questioned Teachman about the cost of the ShotSpotter System being so expensive. Teachman explained the reason for the cost being so expensive. Councilperson David Jordan said he was willing to try something. Mayor McAdams said that there has been 265 gunshot calls this year. Dale Cephers thanked the Council and stated that this was a tool that is available to the city and the police department.

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA - NONE

IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

IN RE: MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson, to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2016 City Council meeting. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Johnny Jennings being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE PRIVILEGE
LICENSES REPORT OF THE
CITY CLERK FOR THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER, 2016**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD WITH
THE LEFLORE COUNTY HUMANE
SOCIETY**

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO DO ALL THINGS
REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO PAY
ALL OBLIGATIONS ON THE DOCKET OF
CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the City from time to time incurs necessary reasonable expenses;
and,

WHEREAS, all lawful obligations should be timely paid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF GREENWOOD, LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:**

SECTION 1: The Mayor and the City Clerk should be and they are hereby authorized to do all things reasonable and necessary to pay all those obligations listed in the **“DOCKET OF CLAIMS,” BOOK 64, CITY OF GREENWOOD, NOVEMBER 15, 2016, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk of the Council, was introduced by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson, and was adopted by the following roll call to-wit:

YEAS

NAYS

Johnny Jennings - Absent
Lisa Cookston
Ronnie Stevenson
Charles E. McCoy, Sr.
Andrew Powell
David Jordan
Carl Palmer

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
DELTA BLUE POOLS INC. IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$227,750.00 TO MAKE
THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE
GREENWOOD SWIMMING POOL**

- Adopted Unanimously

Councilperson David Jordan leaves the meeting at this time.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
“DISPOSAL SERVICE AGREEMENT”
WITH WASTE CONNECTIONS OF
MISSISSIPPI DISPOSAL SERVICES, LLC**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO
APPLY FOR AND TO ACCEPT A
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
GRANT FOR DUI ENFORCEMENT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$75,173.50**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD TO APPLY
FOR AND TO ACCEPT A MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
FEDERAL POLICE TRAFFIC GRANT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,053.14**

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – October 27, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes and Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement

Attorney Brock explained the Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement. He advised Council that the Police Department has had issues retaining officers after the city has paid for their training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. He said after training and certification, they are often hired by surrounding police forces. He said the proposed agreement, which would be signed by newly hired police rookies, would require a police officer to reimburse the city all expenses it incurred in training the officer. This amount would be forgiven each year the officer stayed on the Greenwood police force. The amount the officer would owe if he takes another law enforcement job in the first year would be 100%, 75% in 2nd year, 50% in 3rd, and 25% in the 4th year. After 4 years no reimbursement would be required.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED**

RONNIE STEVENSON, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT

LISA COOKSTON

CHARLES E. MCCOY, SR.

ANDREW POWELL

DAVID JORDAN

CARL PALMER

CERTIFIED BY:

**NICK JOSEPH, JR.,
CITY CLERK**

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